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From the PM



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Welcome to the second edition of The Distributor. Thanks to our readers for the positive feedback on our first issue. We will continue to provide you the latest

information on what's happening at DLS and in the world of dL. The information in The Distributor exemplifies our efforts to support the Soldier by leveraging dL, implementing efficiencies in the training community that make training more accessible, easier, and more effective.

There are a lot of new and exciting developments at DLS which will significantly enhance how our Soldiers access and use dL. Most notably is the July release of the Army Learning Management System (ALMS) 2.0. Watch the AKO and our website for more information!

We are always looking for your comments and suggestions, not just about this publication, but about everything and anything having to do with dL (systems, courseware, policies, etc.) Email DLS at pm.dls@us.army.mil with your input and inquiries for future issues or any questions you may have about the program.

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Enrollment Roll-Up

Army e-Learning - Accessible through AKO
www.us.army.mil, select Self Service and then My Education.

- 450K users in Army e-Learning to date
- 7.5K new enrollments in April 2007
- 46K courses were accessed and 30K were completed in April 2007
- 89K users accessing the Rosetta Stone languages - 4K new enrollments in April 2007
- Top three languages: Spanish, German and Arabic

Training News

Army e-Learning Custom Learning Paths

Through Army e-Learning, DLS is providing a critical training service in the form of custom curricula for Soldiers, civilians and cadets. By developing custom learning paths for units' or organizations' core competencies, users are receiving the training and education they require.

"When programs come to us requesting a specific custom curricula, we're able to prepare them for missions and/or deployment," said Army e-Learning Project Officer, Stan Davis. "In three to five days, we can develop a custom learning path. We currently have 38 organizations operating paths and we're starting to see requests come in more frequently."

One of those requests came from the Army's Assistant G-1 for Civilian Personnel Field Operations Division (formerly known as Civilian Human Resource Agency) in 2005. In need of tactical direction, FOD requested Army e-Learning put together a custom learning path for its National Security Personnel System (NSPS) core competency training. A custom curriculum was necessary in preparing for the gradual conversion of Army civilians to NSPS, a new civilian human resources system in the Department of Defense.

"Army e-Learning made it easier for us to provide employees with specific training materials that can help them before, during, and after the conversion to NSPS," said Bob Cronin, a human resources specialist in the FOD. "The program not only analyzed our competencies and recommended specific courses; they provided us with a real-time view of the progress we were making."

Army e-Learning offers a number of courses available in the Army's NSPS Core Competency Learning Path to include "Managing Through the Change" for supervisors, and "Being Prepared for Change" for employees. As of February 18, 2007, roughly 16,000 Army civilians have successfully converted to NSPS, and the courses offered by Army e-Learning have helped employees and managers in the successful conversions.

"Our users continue to benefit from the innovative program," said Cronin. I would encourage any Army organization with a training mission to look at Army e-Learning closely. It's a no-brainer."



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Army Awards Lockheed Martin Deployed Digital Training Contract

Lockheed will Develop Deployed Digital Training Campus Suite Bringing Virtual Training to Soldiers Around the World

The U.S. Army recently announced that Lockheed Martin was awarded a contract to create and integrate the Deployed Digital Training Campus (DDTC), a mobile equipment suite developed to deliver digital training to deployed Soldiers via satellite communications. The contract has a total expected value of \$15 million over the course of five years.

Lockheed Martin will create two prototype units, followed by the production of 52 additional units. The company is responsible for the engineering, integration, and lifecycle sustainment of the DDTC units. Lockheed Martin will partner with Omega Systems, Inc., and SRA International on the DDTC contract. Work is expected to take place in Northern Va., Colorado, and Newport News, Va.

Each DDTC consists of a mobile networked system of 20 notebook computers, a server, printer, and equipment to transfer digital information to and from satellites. The DDTC units will also be used to meet training demands and relieve the effect of equipment shortages brought about by surge conditions on Army installations.

Army e-Learning Honored by Industry Leader with Award for Performance Support Innovation

DLS was recognized for performance support innovation by SkillSoft PLC, a leading provider of e-Learning and performance support solutions. SkillSoft announced their annual Perspectives Award winners on May 2, 2007 and Stan Davis, Project Officer for Army e-Learning, was recognized for outstanding performance support innovation. Each year, SkillSoft honors companies, government agencies and learning institutions for their work and innovation in e-Learning.

Army e-Learning "truly showcases integrated learning and performance support solutions that deliver maximum benefit to the enterprise," said Chuck Moran, President and CEO of

SkillSoft. "By implementing the right mix of innovative tools and learning techniques, Army e-Learning has established a best-in-class learning environment that not only assists in the development of the workforce, but closely aligns learning with their strategic priorities and objectives."

DTFM Pride

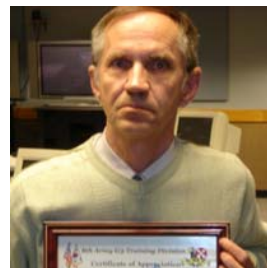
PMO DLS would like to recognize the following DTF Managers on their outstanding work...Hooah!



Mrs. Sabrina Love, DTF Manager Camp Humphreys, provided

outstanding training event support to the 1SG Course 1SGs, 6 – 20 Dec 06. Her efforts were noticed by the whole training team to include Ft. McCoy NCO Academy – and more

importantly, by the 1SGs attending the course. They elected to present her with their honored symbol that uniquely identifies the 1SG corps – the 1SG diamond.



Mr. Ken Wertz, DTF Manager Camp Carroll, provided outstanding

special DTF operations support to the 8th Army G3 Commander, from 22 - 31 Mar 07. COL Forrester, 8th Army G3 Commander, presented Mr. Wertz with an award at the end of the exercise.